

REMARKS

Claims 7, 9, 11-13, 15-32, 35-38, 40, 41, 43-58, 64, 66-73, 75-77, 79-87, 89-113, 115-118, 120, 121, 123-128, 130-133, and 137-170 were currently pending in the application. Claims 9, 11-13, 15-31, 38, 48-51, 53-58, 64, 66-68, 82-87, 89-113, 115-118, 120, 121, 123-128, 130-133, 137-143, 145-148, 152-155 and 157-170 were allowed. Claims 7, 32, 35-37, 40, 41, 43-47, 52, 69-73, 75-77, 79-81, 144, 149-151 and 156 were rejected. Applicant respectfully requests that the application be reconsidered in view of the amendments set forth above and the following remarks.

Double Patenting Rejections

On pages 2 and 3 of the Office Action, claims 7, 32, 35-37, 40, 41, 43-47, 52, 69-73, 75-77, 79-81, 144, 149-151 and 156 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting in view of Applicant's U.S. Patent No. 6,990,195. The Applicant respectfully traverses the double patenting rejections, however, in order to advance prosecution in the application, the Applicant has submitted a Terminal Disclaimer under separate cover as part of this response. The Applicant respectfully asserts that submission of the instant Terminal Disclaimer renders the double patenting rejections moot. The Applicant respectfully requests that the double patenting rejections of claims 7, 32, 35-37, 40, 41, 43-47, 52, 69-73, 75-77, 79-81, 144, 149-151 and 156 be withdrawn.

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CONCLUSION

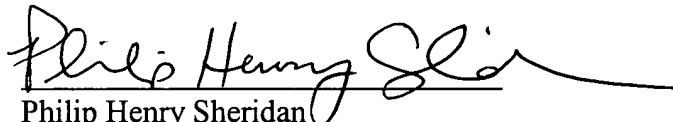
Based on at least the foregoing, Applicant believes that claims 7, 9, 11-13, 15-32, 35-38, 40, 41, 43-58, 64, 66-73, 75-77, 79-87, 89-113, 115-118, 120, 121, 123-128, 130-133, and 137-170 are in condition for allowance.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge additional fee(s) or credit overpayment(s) to the deposit account of McAndrews, Held & Malloy, Account No. 13-0017.

A Notice of Allowance is courteously solicited.

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